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Re: Media, North Carolina, and Cambridge

Dear Ms Bohigian:

It is a cool spring up here in Cambridge, where I now live and where I earned my Master in Public Policy at Harvard. Not at all like the warmth down in North Carolina where I used to teach school.

Today I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the upcoming new FCC rules that, if approved, could permit a dangerous lack of diversity of ownership in American media, and thus bring an alarming concentration of editorial control in just a few hands. As a concerned citizen, I write to ask you to consider the criteria you will use as you counsel Commissioner Martin. American media companies are successful, producing content eagerly purchased by the rest of the world. They produce profits even in tough times like these. I urge you to place protecting freedom, democracy, and diversity of opinion ahead of increasing the profits of an already successful industry. In the coming days, I am sure the pressure on your office will be extremely intense. Individuals like myself have few champions in the corridors of power. I hope that you and Commissioner Martin will be among them, and vote to keep media ownership as diverse as possible.

Sincerely,



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